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TO : Assistant Director of Operations

DATE: 10 November 1958

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- October 1958

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1. USSR Branch is alerted for possible indications that Molotov is back in the good graces of party and government. A French newspaper item, picked up by Western World Branch, claimed Molotov is back in Moscow as an advisor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. No mention of his location in Ulan Bator has been noted recently by Russian newspapers which, however, continue to castigate the erstwhile Foreign Minister.

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Also, after organizing [REDACTED] records on the International Brigade according to Order of Battle, we are now taking [REDACTED] data, including country of origin and country of destination for card filing by RI and WE/DD/P.

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We are also preparing questionnaires in three languages -- [REDACTED] -- on Communist China ports and shipping information for FE/CHIN/DD/P.

3. In spite of the DD/P request to "beef up" our Language Service staff in "L" Building, we had intended to withdraw the service from that area. They admitted improper use of the facility but felt they would suffer if it were eliminated. We agreed to a limited trial period until 1 December when we will review the matter.

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4. There are [REDACTED] people working for FDD as of the end of October. Only [REDACTED] are charged against ceiling, two being with us on rotation, two on clerical trial, and two on temporary placement for the Office of Personnel.

5. Seventeen FDD people were \$3,250 richer in October via the Agency's language award program. Voluntary overtime for the month amounted to 367 hours.

6. On 11 September, last, Far East Branch issued an FDD Note to inform OCI of the intensification of the commune system and its possible portents. Since then, the entire Western World, including the Soviet Bloc has become concerned over this development. FDD is not only preparing a study of the Chinese Communist Communes, covering development and significance, but is also scouring the world press for reactions on this subject. 25X1A

7. The Division Chief, as Chairman of the Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications, coordinated the requirements of CIA, NSA and Navy for use of counterpart funds for translation service under the amended Public Law 480. Army, Air, AEC, and State elected to submit on their own.

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8. [REDACTED] served as an escort officer with the Soviet delegation at the National Electronics Congress in New York and Chicago from [REDACTED] 25X1A

9. Dr. Vladimir Gsovski, Chief, European Law Division, Law Library, L/C, in a memorandum had a comment on FDD:

"Survey of the Soviet Press proved to be of great use for me and my colleagues."

"Studies made on the recent reorganization of industry in the Soviet Union and translation of pertinent material were equally extremely useful"

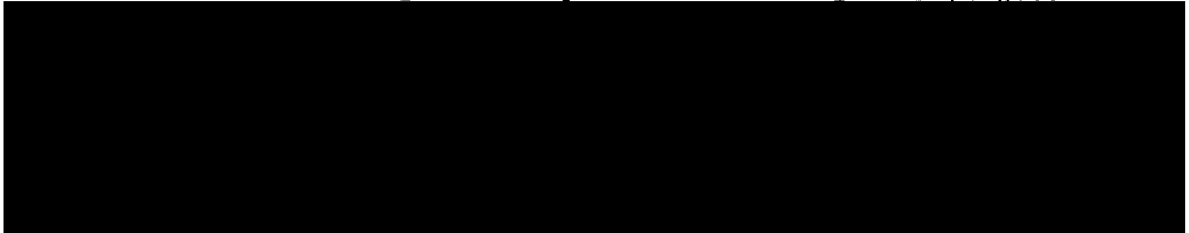
"The same is true of the translations of the [RSFSR] Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure . . . There is not a single European code of criminal procedure translated into English."

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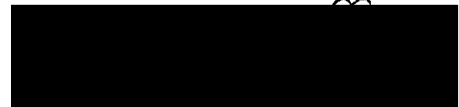
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10. The Chi-Com economic "leap forward" has prompted a 3-weeks pilot project to determine whether a more concentrated approach to Chinese economic exploitation would be profitable. Tentative conclusion: all statistical data reported at the provincial and national level can be provided by FDD without a special project.

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Enclosures:

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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